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that "a common bullet is formed entirely of lead," a statement now rarely true of modern projectiles.

Under the head of "Starvation," we find no reference to the case of Griscom, ably reported by Dr. Lester Curtis, of Chicago, which report is easily accessible in the *Proceedings of the American Society for the Advancement of Science*.

Under the head, "Evidence from Parental Likeness," we find no reference to *Hanawalt v. the State*, 64 Wis., 84, and other American cases on this subject.

The above and foregoing are only a few of the many sins of omission and commission to be found in the present volume. We think that from the above references, which can easily be verified, it is quite apparent that this edition has been very carelessly edited and that while valuable, (few books are wholly worthless) it is not nearly so valuable as it would have been if more ably and conscientiously edited.

The Kent Law School, MARSHALL D. EWELL, M. D.
Chicago, January 11, 1893.

FOSTER'S FEDERAL PRACTICE IN CIVIL CAUSES, with special reference to Patent Cases and the Foreclosure of Railway Mortgages. Second Edition. By ROGER FOSTER. 2 vols. Boston: The Boston Book Company, 1892.

We are glad to see that the profession by its appreciation of usefulness of FOSTER'S "Federal Practice" has exhausted the first edition, and thereby given the author an opportunity to enlarge and improve his work. As he says in his preface to the present edition: "Many of the original sections have been rewritten and new sections have been added to the original chapters, including all material statutes and decisions passed or reported before October Term of 1891, and many decisions since that date which have been added while the book was in the press." Things look differently in print than in manuscript, and it goes without saying that this careful revision of the whole work from the first edition has greatly added to its value. In fact, such a revision was rendered imperatively necessary by the passage of the Act creating the new Circuit Court of Appeals and radically changing the jurisdiction and practice affecting appeals and writs of error.

New chapters have also been added on "Practice in Admiralty," by CHARLES C. BURLINGHAM; "Practice in the Court of Private Land Claims," by ex-Judge E. A. BOWERS, and "Practice in the Court of Claims." These additions make the work practically complete, and every lawyer having business in Federal courts will find this second edition an indispensable requisite for his library.

THE LAW OF COLLATERAL ATTACK ON JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS. By JOHN M. VANFLEET, Judge of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District of Indiana. Chicago: Callaghan & Company, 1892.

This work is one of the most welcome which we have received. The subject of collateral attack on judicial proceedings has heretofore been